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NOVEMBER LECTURER TO BE JOHN H STORER

COLOR FILM TO BE SHOWN

In keeping with the club's policy to bring the best nature lectures to St. Louis, we have scheduled for November, John H. Storer, photographer-naturalist of Waltham, Mass., for Monday, the 24th at 8 p.m. at the Adult Study Center. Mr. Storer will lecture on "Wings, Fins, and Antlers," illustrated with magnificent all color motion pictures. He appeared at the National Audubon Society Convention recently, has lectured at the Groton School, the Cleveland Museum, before the A.O.U. and a host of other organizations. A card enclosed with this Bulletin tells more about him. Won't you mail it to a friend and put your personal invitation on it with your guarantee that it is a No. 1 lecture?



JOHN H. STORER
Photographer-Naturalist

MASLOWSKI THRILLING

A brilliant, all-color motion picture that ranged in subject from Digger Wasps to Sooty Terns, was presented to Bird Club members as the first major attraction of the fall season, on the evening of October 28th at the Adult Study Center. A capacity crowd of 650 was thrilled with the remarkable films shown by Karl H. Maslowski whose running fire of comment enlivened the showing. Especially noteworthy were the shots depicting the life cycle of the "Praying Mantis." Quietly in the background, during the lecture, was the charming Mrs. Maslowski who acted as projector operator.

* Calendar Of Coming Events *

What we believe to be the grandest lecture season in the club's 26-year history is now presented. Don't miss a single one of these lectures:

- Nov. 24th John Storer, Waltham, Mass., "Wings, Fins, and Antlers".
- Jan. 7th Cleveland P. Grant, Jaffrey, New Hampshire, "Wings of the Western Wastelands", supplemented by "Mountain Moose".
- Feb. 10th Miss L. R. Ernst, St. Louis, "Birding Through The Years".
- March 2nd Alfred M. Pailey, Director of the Colorado Museum of Natural History, Denver, "Sea Birds, Sea Lions, and Sea Elephants".
- April 10th Olin Sewall Pettingill, Jr., Carleton College, Northfield, Minn., "Bird Magic in Mexico".
- May Open

All lectures are scheduled for 8 p.m. at the Adult Study Center; there is no admission charge; and they are open to the public; except Miss Ernst's which is for members only and will be held at the Jefferson Memorial.



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OUR CLARION CALL

Calling all bird lovers and nature students! Yes, calling you with a brand-new bulletin. Our new journalistic dress is another materialization of a dream come true. Not perfection yet...but progress! We hope by presenting news of Bird Club members and their activities through the medium of this attractive new bulletin, to so enlist your interest that active members will become super-active, indifferent members become enthusiastic, and prospective members become, well, members!

JOIN THE AUDUBON SOCIETY!

Members of the club may join the Missouri Audubon Society for 50 cents a year. You'll receive the Bluebird, a monthly publication of bird news throughout the state, and notices of the organization's several meetings. Write to the Club Secretary.

Club dues are not due until Jan. 1st. Unfortunately, our constitutional year runs from January to January whereas our fiscal year is of an October to October nature. You'd be helping a great deal by sending your 1942 dues now to either the Club Secretary or the Treasurer.

The Board is pleased to announce it has renewed the club's membership again in the National Audubon Society.

BIRD OF THE YEAR

In the pole position as candidate for bird of the year honors is an Avocet found at Lake Park, E. St. Louis, October 18th, by Wayne Short and several of his class members; Mattie Parkins, Mrs. Jos. E. Vollmar, Marie Fischer, and Helen O'Moran. The Avocet was regarded by Widmann as a rare transient visitant, the last one seen in Eastern Missouri was one "killed on the bars in the Mississippi near Keokuk previous to 1885". One was killed illegally, and the violator convicted, last fall at Peruque, St. Charles County. News of the find spread like wildfire and many members of the club saw what may well be the bird of the year.

BIRD OF THE SUMMER

An exceptional find was Dr. and Mrs. Arnold Zempel's discovery of a Willet at Creve Coeur Lake, July 9th. James Earl Comfort and Mrs. Harry Comfort got to the scene in time to see the rarity. Last found here by Wayne Short, April 29th, 1938.

CHRISTMAS CENSUS

The annual Christmas Census of the Club, held in cooperation with censuses all over the country by bird clubs and the National Audubon Society, will start at 8:30 a.m., Sunday, Dec. 21st, from the immediate West-end of the Alton Dam and will continue for at least 6 hours. All members are eligible to participate, but do arrive on time.

THE WILSON CLUB MEETING

Our very good friends, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Satterthwait of the University of Illinois send us hearty invitations to attend the Wilson Club meeting at Urbana, Nov. 21, 22, and 23. Features of the meeting will be outstanding lecturers, a bird ecology symposium, and an all-day Sunday field trip to the Lake Chautauqua Wildlife Refuge near Havana. Call the Club Secretary for further information, Mrs. Grumann, Delmar 3007.



Who's Who?

NOTES ON INTERESTING PERSONALITIES
OF THE ST. LOUIS BIRD CLUB



A signal honor has come to our esteemed vice-president, Luther Ely Smith, long-time member of the Bird Club. It has been announced that he is this year's winner of the St. Louis Award, presented annually to a distinguished citizen. Of course, we're proud!

Mrs. H. R. Grumann, Club Secretary, conducted a two month, weekly series of successful bird talks on K F U O during the summer. Richard Grossenheider and Clara Heising were interviewed by Mrs. Grumann during the series. Mrs. Grumann also gave a bird lecture at the annual meeting of the 8th District, Missouri State Federation of Garden Clubs, Nov. 10th and to the Winstanley Garden Club, East St. Louis, Nov. 13, Mrs. G. H. Klinkerfuss, one of our most active members is State Bird Chairman of the Garden Club.

Ralph Sunderman, club member and former keeper of the Pandas, is now in the navy at Pensacola. Perhaps he keeps Gulls for pets now!

Mrs. Joseph E. Vollmar has graciously accepted President Short's appointment as Bird Club Counselor to the Girl Scouts.

Wayne Short's classes at the Adult Center, Popular Ornithology and Advanced Ornithology, keep him so busy that life has become one continuous field trip.

Comparable to the Avocet find was Dr. and Mrs. Zempel's discovery of a Ruddy Turnstone, Oct. 7th, also at Lake Park. Miss Ernst, Mrs. Grumann, the Comforts, the Days, Wayne Short's class, Albert Berkowitz, Richard Grossenheider and others saw this magnificent specimen on various dates thereafter. The only other twentieth century record we know of in this area is Wayne Short's flock of seven at Horseshoe Lake, May 21st, 1938.

Sterling P. Jones, Honorary and Active member, has published a pocket check-list of birds of the St. Louis area which is such a gem it should be a "must" in the paraphernalia of every good birder. The booklet gives the name of every species to be found in this region during the period of a year...when it arrives, when it leaves, if it nests, whether it is rare or abundant. It also contains a dissertation on St. Louis' own bird, the European Tree Sparrow, which is found in the United States only in and around St. Louis (except for a couple of isolated records.) The Jones Check-list is a veritable time-table, easier to read than the railroad variety and something you can't afford to miss. Send ten cents to the club secretary for yours!

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A little bird told us —



That, at long last, Lillie R. Ernst has attained, through her retirement from the School Board, coveted leisure to devote to her birding ...and to the Bird Club, we hope

That James Earl Comfort writes such fascinating articles we are going to try to wheedle some for our new Bulletin.

That the exquisitely delicate and precise art work of clever Richard Crossenheider, as exemplified on our club stationary, is available to club members at the ridiculously low price of a penny per sheet and per envelope. Order through the secretary.

WANTED!

Volunteers- for clerical secretarial, committee work. If you want to help the club there's plenty to do! Call the president. CE. 0631.

7th, Lake Park by the Zempels; Nelson's Sparrow, Oct. 18th, Lake Park by the Zempels and Mrs. Grumann.

That Baird's Sandpiper was seen by Dr. and Mrs. Zempel at Howard Bend Water Works.

That our loss is Milwaukee's gain. The northern city has taken two of our most active members. Dr. Pearl Thompson, champion member-getter is now Mrs. Stephen Brauwer of Milwaukee... and Henry M. Kennon, former vice-president of the club, is up there as Director of the Washington Park Zoo.

That Wayne Short's class found two Upland Plovers at Lake Park on Oct. 19th. Marie Fisher, Helen O'Moran, Bill Dierker and Wayne Short saw a dozen Hooded Mergansers also at Lake Park on Nov. 8th. And the Zempels found a Western Sandpiper there on Oct. 12th. Pretty good record for this spot!

That Helen Einspanier and Ethel Wolfe discovered an Osprey in Forest Park on Oct. 26th.

That the Board of Directors and the editorial staff members are eager to have your comments on this Bulletin. Why not drop a note to the editor?

AN OPEN LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Fellow Members: Another season has started auspiciously with the lecture by Karl H. Maslowski. Good times in store for us are legion. The lectures alone are the best ever, better even than last year's. Guy Emerson, President of the National Audubon Society, called out last year's lectures the finest of any Bird Club in the country. But to get the best we have to pay for it. You've heard the old axiom, "running on faith?" The St. Louis Bird Club is a shining example of an organization that operates almost on faith alone. In fact, our bank statement, each month, reads the same - "Balance on hand; a few dollars worth of faith." Your Board of Directors has planned this year's lectures with faith in you, believing you'll renew your membership and possibly bring in a new member. There's one other way you can help. I write a personal appeal to those who are convinced of the worth of the work being done, who have faith in the club. I ask that this year, you change your Active membership of one dollar to a Sustaining membership at five dollars, if you can afford it. A small group has changed, including, for example, one of our Life members who is a Sustaining member, too. We hope others will follow her example. I hope that many of you who are Active members will become Sustaining members. Let's make 1942 a Sustaining Year. Make this our motto - "Sustain the Bird Club!" Thanks.

Cordially,

Wayne Short, President